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MECHANICAL CONDITION OF A RECIPROCATING
COMPRESSOR

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Applicants also wish to bring to the Examiner's attention that more than one year prior to the actual filing date of the present application, the assignee of the present invention, and agents of the assignee, used the following monitoring system on equipment that was used to produce material that was sold to customers. A tensile strain gage was placed on a tie-rod member of a compound cylinder of a reciprocating compressor. The tensile strain

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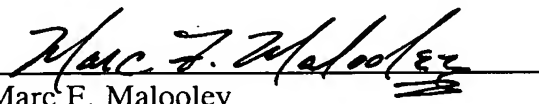
of the tie-rod was measured and used to generate a tensile strain profile, which was used as the basis of a pressure profile. Vibrations of the compound cylinder were measured and correlated to the pressure profile.

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Respectfully submitted,

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